GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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WEST BENGAL SHARE IN TAXES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended for payment of 29 per cent to West Bengal Government against collection of taxes such as income tax;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government release a less amount of Rs.766 crore than the requisite amount during the last financial year;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government decided to give Rs.1000 crore less from thetotal taxes collected by the West Bengal Government;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government decided to release the tax in 12 apportionments which they have now changed to 16; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANT G GEETE)

(a): The Eleventh Finance Commission had recommended that 29.5% of the net proceeds of Union Taxes and Duties be shared with all States.

(b)&(c) Releases to a State during any year of the award period are made according to the inter-se share recommended for it by the Eleventh Finance Commission. The releases to a State, therefore, are not based on the total taxes collected by a State, including the State of West Bengal.

(d): No Sir.

(e): Does not arise.